tonnes to 10 bags only. The Government had further reviewed the policy and procedure of the open market sale scheme. After review the FCI was advised inter-alia as under:—

(i) To fix an upper ceiling of 200 MT and 1000 MT for open sale from FCI godowns with capacity of 5000 MT and more than 5000 MT respectively per buyer per week.

(ii) To advise District Managers not to assume the role of alloting wheat for open sale to buyers. With upper ceiling as in para (i) above they were advised to follow the existing instructions on "First-come-First-Served" basis.

(iii) To display prominently a Notice Board in the Offices of District Managers indicating clearly the tentative quantity for sale, total stocks available and rates of open sale.

Objections over EU's Duty Concession to Indian Rice

1010. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:
SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether US and Pakistan have raised strong objections in July, 1995 over the European Union's duty concession to Indian rice;

(b) if so, the details of the main objections raised;

(c) the names of the countries who have supported India;

(d) whether Government have agreed to remove the objections raised by these countries; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (e) The European Commission has introduced a new regulation for import duties on rice with effect from 1.7.95. Under this regulation inter-alia, a Reference Price System has been adopted which provides import tariff concession of 250 ECU per tonne for Indian origin husked basmati rice and 50 ECU per tonne for Pakistani origin husked basmati rice. The US Government held consultations with the EU under the WTO framework on, inter-alia, the validity of the Reference Price System. It is gathered that Pakistan has also sought a dispensation from EU similar to that accorded to Indian origin husked basmati rice. India has also made its position on EUs duty concession to Indian husked basmati rice known to EU through diplomatic channels.

Violation of P.F. Act by Private Schools

1011. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the large scale violation of the provisions of Provident Fund Act by private schools; and

(b) if so, the details and what action has been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

कोयले का उत्पादन तथा खपत

1012. श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय:
श्री अनन्तराम जायसवाल:

क्या कोयला मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) देश में प्रति वर्ष कितने करोड़ टन कोयले का उत्पादन होता है, इसकी खपत कितनी है तथा कितने कोयले की कमी है;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने खनन क्षेत्र में अतिरिक्त मात्रा में कोयले के खनन हेतु विदेशी उद्यमियों को आमंत्रित